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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 611, "An Act To Adjust Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes."

The title of this bill reflects many of the misguided priorities of Augusta. Too many people are worried about the bare minimum, wages or otherwise. It is time to aim higher than the minimum. We must create the environment for well-paying careers, to give hardworking families an opportunity to succeed. Mainers deserve more than the minimum, and if we give them the opportunity, they will earn it.

Let us refocus on lowering energy costs, continuing to streamline and reform regulations, and reducing our tax burden. It is time to move out of 50th place. Quite simply, it is time to put Maine people before politics.

For these reasons, I return LD 611 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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